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Different standard?

Harry Gale, a former state representative from Sunapee and a candidate for the same seat this year, leveled some serious accusations against Rep. Peter Franklin, D-Newport, last week.

Gale accused Franklin of recessing a public meeting of the county delegation last week then meeting with the delegation's Democrats in a hall. Soon after, the delegation failed to pass a budget. Certainly nothing new about officials talking about the public's business without letting the public in on the discussion. It happens all the time in every level of government. Gale said he doesn't know if anything illegal was done but it was certainly inappropriate. What makes this so rich is that it involves Franklin, who declined to comment. Imagine Franklin's outrage if the N.H.-Vt Solid Waste Project's executive committee discussed official business in a hall. Franklin was obsessed with shining a light on the project's dealings, which we applauded him for. The same standards of openness should apply to the county delegation.